(b) whether the Government Order also says that if any of the presidents of local bodies and chairmen of municipal councils employ any persons who have not got the required qualifications, such presidents and chairmen will be liable to be surcharged with the pay of such employees;

(c) whether the Government propose to recommend the grant of any compensation in the case of persons of long service;

(d) whether the Government require that a certificate should be attached to every pay bill that the employee for whom the pay has to be drawn has the required qualification;

(e) whether it is the intention of the Government that the Government Order should be made applicable to all grades of officers irrespective of the fact that they have been long in service or that they belong to the clerical or other technical departments;

(f) whether the Government Order applies to those servants whose services have been lent to the local bodies by Government but who have or who have not been exempted by heads of the departments in which they were serving while in the Government service; and

(g) whether the Government will be pleased to restrict its application to servants who entered the service within three years?

A.—(a), (b) & (d) Yes.

(c) The Government may meet such cases as are really deserving by a relaxation of the rules; there is no intention to award compensation.

(e) & (f) Yes.

(g) The Government are not prepared to accept the suggestion.

Municipalities

Alleged arrears of taxes payable by Municipal Councillors.

*1436 *Q.*—Mr. K. P. V. S. Muhammad Meera Ravuttar: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state whether the Government have taken any and if so, what steps to see that the taxes of the councillors payable to their municipalities are not in arrears?

A.—The Government have taken no special steps in this matter.

Mr. P. Bhaktavatsulu Nayudu:—"May I know why the Government have taken no steps in the matter?" 11-15 a.m.

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan:—"Because there is the Local Fund Audit Department who will draw the attention of the Chairmen of Municipalities to realize the taxes due from such of those councillors who are in arrears."

Civil Justice

Status and comforts of jurors and assessors.

*1437 *Q.*—Mr. J. A. Saldanha: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact—

(1) that in proportion to the people possessing property, educational and voting qualifications, not more than one-tenth thereof are entered in the lists of jurors and assessors;

(2) that a large number of those entered in the list are never summoned to sit as jurors or assessors; and

(3) that the gentlemen of higher status and education seldom serve as jurors or assessors;

(4) that the persons summoned are far in excess of the number required for service as jurors or assessors;

(5) that a large number of persons summoned evade the service of summons or send medical certificate as an excuse for absence;

(*b*) how the service of notices is made and by what agency;

(*c*) whether service by post has been tried and if so, with what success;

(*d*) whether there have been serious complaints as to the inadequacy of the travelling, conveyance and batta allowances;

(*e*) whether there have been proposals for increasing the rate and giving conveyance allowance to persons attending beyond a distance of half a mile;

(*f*) whether Government and the High Court have considered or are considering measures for improvement of the status, allowance, and comforts of persons convened as jurors and assessors; and

(*g*) if so, what measures are contemplated or have been sanctioned?

A.—(*a*) (1) The Government have no information.

(2) The Government have no information. The attention of the hon. Member is invited to section 326 (2) of the Code of Criminal Procedure.

(3), (4) & (5) The Government have no information.

(*b*) & (*c*) The Government have no information.

(*d*) No complaints have been received by Government.

(*e*) There has been no such proposal in recent years.

(*f*) & (*g*) There is no proposal under the consideration of Government. They have no information whether the High Court has any proposal under its consideration.

Mr. J. A. Saldanha :—"May I enquire whether Government will be pleased to call for information and place it before the Council?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—"No, Sir. The Government do not think that it will be in the public interests to call for the information, having regard to the amount of labour involved in the preparation of such an elaborate statement containing all the details the hon. Member desires."

Mr. J. A. Saldanha :—"Are Government aware that the present system of jury and assessors is merely a farce?"

The hon. the President :—"That is asking for an opinion."

Mr. Daniel Thomas :—"May I know whether any batta is paid to jurors when they leave their headquarters and attend the courts?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—"I know that second class allowance is being paid to some jurors, but I do not know beyond what distance the jurors would be entitled to second-class allowance."